

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 3, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Into the blind hole ~~7~~7b at the end facing towards the rim is fitted the threaded stem of the nipple 5 providing the attachment to the rim 2.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Another example of embodiment of the present invention is described with reference to Figure 3. Similar parts are indicated by the same reference numbers as in the preceding drawings. In this case the nipple 5, with a shank 13 provided with either a parallel or taper external thread has internally a threaded blind hole 27 into which is screwed a threaded end of a stud 30 the opposite end of which, also threaded, is screwed into a corresponding blind hole ~~7~~7b in the spoke 4. The spoke and nipple have facing surfaces ~~31~~31a and 31b, respectively which can be butted together so that by means of the stud 30 the spoke and nipple are attached to each other to form a single unit. Provision is also made, by way of a variant, for the spoke and nipple to be produced in one piece.